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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'd like to move for the adoption of the Committee amendments. Then I'd like to speak on the bill briefly.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the adoption of the Committee amendments? You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, after he makes his remarks, then Senator Keyes has some amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't know if we'll need Senator Keyes amendments or not. Since this bill was introduced in the Legislature and heard in Committee and advanced to General File, the Department of Agriculture and Mr. Kreuscher have implemented virtually all of the provisions of LB 544 by rule and regulation. Mr. Kreuscher has indicated, after I had requested to him by letter, that he had some ... a communication for this body, at which time he would inform us whether or not he wanted the legislation advanced.

I really think it might perhaps place him in a better position if the bill were to become law. There may be, and there have been, some persons, individuals and corporations who have questioned his rules and regulations. I think it might be well for this body to go on record in support of Mr. Kreuscher's actions as an agency head. I believe that if we would advance this bill at this time, as amended by the Committee, and hold it on Select File for several days by that time I will have heard from Mr. Kreuscher and we will know whether or not we need to advance the bill, or whether it can be killed.

I'd like to ask Senator Keyes, if he would, to hold his amendments until on Select File. If Mr. Kreuscher does not need the bill I will ask that it be killed. If he does want us to pass the bill then I would, of course, accede to Senator Keyes request on the amendments.

Could I ask Senator Keyes a question please? Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Schmit, do you want to ask it to me across the table or over the mike?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I'll ask you through the mike for the record. Would you be agreeable, Senator Keyes, to holding your amendments until Select File, at which time we'll know for sure whether or not Mr. Kreuscher needs the bill?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Schmit, I certainly would. I'd even do this, if you tell me what Mr. Kreuscher has, I probably would withdraw my amendment, if I think it's alright.